

Green Building

Measure 4 – Government Energy Star/LEED Renovation Policy

5 Points

Require local government building renovations to be EnergyStar® certified or follow LEED™ guidelines.

Discussion:

In 2008 the Cobb County Board of Commissioners passed a Board Resolution requiring all new county buildings over 5,000 sq. feet, and all major interior renovations of existing buildings affecting 5,000 sq. feet or more, to be LEED certified . The policy further states that renovations or projects, including those under 5,000 sq. feet, “Where no level of certification is feasible, then the project design and construction shall include as many measures as possible based on the LEED Checklist”.

On February 24, 2009 this policy was included in a comprehensive Cobb County Sustainability Practices Policy. Additionally, the new Sustainability Practices Policy includes the requirement that major renovations seek the EnergyStar rating if not LEED certified.

Cobb County currently has just obtained a new greyfield site for renovation. The renovation design is just beginning, with construction to begin in 2009. This project will follow the board Policy to design and construction to LEED standards and will seek to become an EnergyStar rated facility.

Documentation:

The following documentation is enclosed with this application. All three referenced documents below are included under Measure 1 – LEED Construction.

- The agenda item adopted by the Cobb County Board of Commissioners at their meeting of January 22, 2008 stipulating the requirement that as many LEED™ design and construction measures as possible be included on building construction and renovation projects.
- The new 2009 Cobb County Sustainability Practices Policy incorporating the LEED provisions of the prior policy regarding renovations, and further stipulating pursuit of the EnergyStar® rating where the LEED rating is not attained. See item I-C.
- The Board of Commissioners agenda item of February 24, 2009 adopting the Policy